IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Tetsuya ITANI et al.

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For: VIDEO SIGNAL REPRODUCING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following specification changes as noted below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, line 1, delete "2, or 3,".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "2, or 3,".

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 remain pending herein. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended hereby.

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to eliminate multiply dependent claims from the above-identified application.

Examination of this application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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